

Duns Scotus feeds poor

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Cleo Brace was prepared to serve a bowl of peas for Christmas dinner until she heard Duns Scotus Seminary in Southfield was giving food baskets to low-income families.

"We wouldn't have had anything except a couple cans of peas," she said. "Christmas would have been very sad without the baskets."

The Detroit woman was among 600 needy persons whose Christmas was a little brighter this year thanks to the efforts of three Franciscan Friars.

Brothers Michael Scheibel and Francis Williams and Father Marcan Heidelberg organized the seminary's 12th annual Christmas food drive.

The friars said more needy persons applied for assistance this year than ever before. Most were "below poverty level," they said.

Because contributors were "very generous," the friars were able to give canned goods, turkeys, toys and clothing to all 600 persons who came to the seminary last week.

FOR BRACE and her family, it meant more than just having food on the table.

"It's going to make our Christmas," she said last Thursday.

Brace, who lives with her 77-year-old mentally retarded brother and 25-year-old son, said she "lives from month to month" not knowing whether they'll have enough money for food.

"With the little money that comes in from disability (benefits), we have nothing left over after we pay our bills. We can hardly (afford to) eat."

A widow, Brace was forced to quit her job at American nursing home in Detroit 10 years ago after suffering from a ruptured disc and diabetes.

Her son, Haywood, lost his job three years ago after the marble company he worked for went out of business.

"I haven't had a regular job since," he said. "Things are tough."

Glady Robertson said she "didn't have nothing except \$1.12 in her purse" two days before Christmas.

"This (basket) will give me a meal," she said. "It's going to be a nice Christmas because now we got some food. The Lord's letting me live and we got a roof over our heads."

A widow, Robertson supports her 2-year-old grandson with money she receives from her husband's pension. Her daughter has been in a mental institution the past few years.

"I used to get food stamps, but they cut off my payments because I got over \$400 a month," she said. "It's not enough."

Lilly Horn had more than one toy for each of her six children this Christmas after visiting the seminary.

A SINGLE parent, she's able to support her family on Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) checks.

"As long as they (her children) have something to eat, that's all that matters," she said. "This (food basket) is going to be a big help."

"We're always blessed when we find someone who cares."

Horn's friend, Mabel Brown, cared enough to tell her about the Duns Scotus food drive.

Brown was faced with a similar situation several years ago. Unable to provide food and clothing for her eight children, she sought assistance from a Detroit priest.

"Ten years ago I moved into a new house on the east side," she said. "I happened to meet the priest at my (neighborhood) church and we became close."

"I was telling him how hard it was for me to raise my children on Social Security checks."

"He (and other church members) always brought food baskets and clothing. And he told me about Duns Scotus."

"I was mighty grateful to them," she said. "Now my kids are all grown and I don't want (assistance) anymore."

"I'm concerned about less fortunate families. I help them any way I can. If I have something in my garden to share with them, I do that."

ANOTHER DETROIT couple — George and Barbara Green — depend on contributions from charitable organizations to feed and clothe their three children.

"Sometimes we go to the soup kitchen (Capuchin Community Center) on Mt. Elliott," she said.

"We stood in line at 6:30 a.m. the other day when Focus/HOPE gave out clothes."

For the past three years, they've been coming to Duns Scotus for the food baskets and toys.

"My husband is partially blind. He worked off and on until his eyesight started getting bad," said Green. "Now he gets disability (benefits)."

"When he got his first Social Security check (about \$4,000), we used the money to put a down payment on a house."

"That was four years ago. Things are very tight now," she said. "We can barely make it, but we seem to manage."

For Joetta Mayes of Royal Oak Township, this holiday wasn't as joyous as previous ones.

"It's not like before when I was working," said the laid-off Bendix employee. "But it's going to be comfortable."

Mayes receives ADC to help support her four children. "I hope I'll be able to go back to work someday," she said.

Another single parent, Maxine Thompson of Detroit, said the last few Christmases haven't been very bright for her family.

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